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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 6, 2001. A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of December 6, 2001. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 16-26 and 41-51 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1 1. (Amended) A truncated *Bacillus pullulanase* which is capable of catalyzing the hydrolysis of an alpha-1,6-glucosidic bond.

C2 3. (Amended) The pullulanase of Claim 1 wherein the *Bacillus* is selected from the group consisting of *B. subtilis*, *B. deramificans*, *B. stearothermophilus*, *B. naganensis*, *B.*